पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बाबू लाल मरांडी) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां । पर्यावरण सेक्टर के लिए उपयुक्त ऋण विधि और प्राथमिक क्षेत्र के ऋण के अन्तर्गत प्रदूषण नियंत्रण प्रणालियों के लिए निधियां देने की आवश्यकता के बारे में भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के साथ चर्चा की गई है ।

Building Norms for Cantonment Towns

1893. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no building norms have been framed for cantonment towns by the Ministry of Defence despite continuous follow-up from the Ministry of Environment and Forests; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) for how many years the Ministry of Environment and Forests is making efforts to get such building norms framed and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) All Cantonment Boards in the country have framed their building bye-laws under Section 186 of the Cantonments Act, 1924 to regulate building activites in their respective areas. Ministry of Environment and Forests had, in November, 1986, requested the Ministry of Defence to formulate scheme of restrictions under Section 181-A of the Cantonments Act, 1924. Ministry of Defence have informed that there was no possibility of framing common building bye-laws for making these applicable to al! cantonments. However, to bring about uniformity in building norms, a committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Defence to examine the matter and make appropriate recommendations in this regard.

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Ranger of Kaziranga

1894. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there arc only 150 rangers in Kaziranga to cover 430 Sq. Kms. area;

(b) if so, whether poachers are taking advantage; and

(c) the measures proposed to save the endangered rhinos'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) As informed by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam, the total strength of field staff in Kaziranga National Park is 495. However, at present only 410 numbers of field staff including 7 numbers of Forest Rangers arc working in Kaziranga National Park.

(b) The anti-poaching measures in Kaziranga have been quite effective and the number of rhinous killed by poachers has declined considerably.

(c) The measures taken to save the endangered Rhinos are:

(i) A network of 6 wildlife sanctuaries and 3 national parks has been set up for conservation of the species and its habitat. Financial assistance is provided by the Central Government for development of national parks and sanctuaries, on request from the State Governments. A special scheme of 'Conservation of Rhinos in Assam' has now been transferred to the State Government along with resources since 1992-93 as per the recommendations of the National Development Council.

(ii) Rhino is placed in Schedule I of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 thus getting the highest level of protection.

(iii) Trading in Rhino parts and products is also banned by law.